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SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III: CEILINGS ISSUES

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1. WE RECOMMEND THAT US ACCEPT DATE FOR NEXT OPTION III TRILATERAL NO LATER THAN THE JULY 15 DATE PROPOSED BY FRG, IN BRUSSELS, AND THAT IN ACCEPTING, THE US EXPRESS HOPE TO BOTH FRG AND UK THAT THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO BEGIN WORK ON PARAS 4-9 (CEILINGS) OF US DRAFT GUIDANCE AT JULY 17 SPC MEETING.

2. WE HAVE NOT PRESSED FOR SPC DISCUSSION OF PARAS 4-9 OF US DRAFT GUIDANCE THIS WEEK, SINCE THE UK PAPER ON CEILINGS, AND THE US DRAFT SUPPLEMENT ON ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF THE ALLIED POSITION (WHICH DEALS MAINLY WITH CEILINGS) WILL BE REVIEWED AGAIN AT THE MEXT TRILATERAL (REF B). FRG DELEGATION HAS TOLD US IT PREFERS NOT TO START WORK ON PARAS 4-9 UNTIL AFTER THE SECRET

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TRILATERAL, AND UK HAS STATED IN SPC THAT UK IS NOT YET READY TO BEGIN WORK ON PARAS 4-9.

3. HOWEVER, WE WILL PROBABLY REACH A POINT NEXT WEEK WHERE

THE ALLIES SHOULD START FOCUSING ON THE CEILINGS PART OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE. INFORMAL SPC MEETINGS JULY 8-9 ARE CONCENTRATING MAINLY ON CEILINGS ISSUES, AND AFTER THESE MEETINGS SOME COUNTRIES MAY BE PREPARED TO START WORKING PARAS 4-9 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE. IN ADDITION, WE EXPECT THAT BY EARLY NEXT WEEK, SPC WORK ON PARAS 1-3 WILL HAVE RESULTED IN A TEXT WITH ONLY A FEW BRACKETS REMAINING. ALTHOUGH SPC WILL STILL LACK AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE RE SPECIFICATION OF COMMON CEILING, SPC WILL PROBABLY NEED CONSIDERABLY LESS TIME FOR DEBATE ON PARA 1-3 ISSUES THAN IN PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS.BRUCE

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